

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's admitted prior art. Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art. Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Goldsmith (U.S. 6,356,166). Claims 5 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art in view of Nishijima (U.S. 6,313,700). Claims 8-10, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In response to the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-7 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejection of those claims moot. Furthermore, claims 8-12 have been amended into independent form (except for the feature of claim 4).

Claim 11 is newly added and is supported by the originally filed application as the upper first layer in Fig. 3A.

Claim 12 is newly added and includes the feature that the angle between the two quadrangles is substantially 45°. This feature is supported by the originally filed application at page 6, bottom line, and Fig. 3C. Claims 13-18 are newly added and correspond to original claims 2-7, respectively.

No new matter has been added.

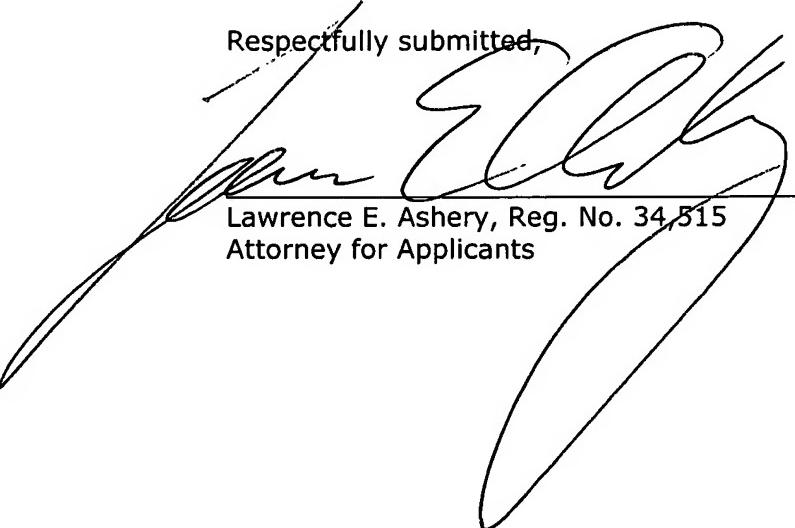
The feature of the angle between the two quadrangles being substantially 45° is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Allowance of claim 12 (and claims dependent thereon) is respectfully requested.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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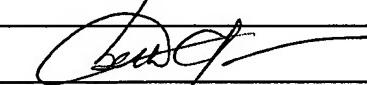
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